

NOT MUCH TALKING

But Considerable Business Was Transacted by Council.

THE SEWER CONNECTIONS

Now Being Made on Thirty-fourth Street.
Mr. Hillier's Proposition. Bills Paid.
Petition of Mr. Redding. City Map Again.

The regular meeting of the Council last night passed off without special incident. Considerable business was transacted, and there was only one speech of any consequence, that of Mr. E. C. Hillier, Supervising Engineer. Potter was present and received cordial greetings from the members of the Council. He did not address the Council, however, as there was no occasion for it. He promises to have some matters of importance to lay before the body at the next meeting, in reference to the extension of the sewerage system.

There were present when the Council met President Buxton and Councilmen Mackey, O'Donnell, Powell, Ford, Hughes, Caffee and Thomas.

A communication was received from the Mayor in which he stated that a number of merchants had applied to him for permission to use the sidewalks for fifteen days for the display of their holiday wares. His Honor stated that he had granted the permission, provided half of the sidewalk was left for pedestrians, this action being subject to the approval of the Council.

The Council endorsed the Mayor's action.

The Finance Committee reported favorably upon a number of bills which had been referred to them. The report was adopted.

The Fire Committee recommended that Citizens' phones be placed in the North End, East End and Rocketts hose houses. The report was adopted.

Mayor A. A. Moss, chairman of the special Committee on Sewerage, stated that the committee had ordered the bills of the contractors paid, and had sent the draft to the surety company in accordance with previous custom, but that the funds due the contractor in the hands of the Treasurer being attached, the check on the same was protested. The matter of the payment of the protest fee was referred to the City Attorney.

The Mayor also stated that he understood that an arrangement had been made to connect the property on Thirty-fourth street with the new sewer, thereby saving the putting in of the auxiliary sewers decided upon at the last meeting of the Council.

STREET PAVING ORDINANCE.
The Ordinance Committee reported briefly, recommending:

(1) That a license tax of \$13.33 1-3 be placed on plumbers from January 1, 1899, to May 1, 1899, and thereafter \$40 annually.

(2) That the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance providing for the holding of an election at which the people may vote for or against the issuance of bonds for \$50,000 for street paving; \$30,000 for the erection of a market house, and \$10,000 for the erection of a crematory, the election to be held at the same time as the general election.

The plumbers' license ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote, and Councilman O'Donnell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance governing the plumbing business. Councilman Ford moved as a substitute that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for action. This substitute was accepted by Councilman O'Donnell, and was carried.

The second section of the Ordinance Committee's report coming up for discussion, Councilman Burcher moved that the matter be referred back to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to prepare an ordinance such as suggested.

It was pointed out that the date set for the election was too far off, and that the actual work of paving should be begun by that date.

Councilman Ford said that he thought the matter should be disposed of as soon as possible. The voters were ready to vote on it.

The motion was carried, it being decided to leave the date blank in the draft of the ordinance.

The Ordinance Committee not having reported on the recommendation of the Street Committee that an amendment be made to the ordinance governing the erection of awnings, the matter was taken up again.

Councilman O'Donnell suggested that eight feet was sufficient height for the outside bar to be above the curbstone, and that ten feet, as recommended, was too much.

On motion of Councilman Ford, the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

THOSE LITTLE BILLS.

The Street Committee reported bills amounting to \$93.83 for shells, cart hire, and work on the streets, recommending that they be not paid, because they were not authorized by the Street Committee.

Councilman Burcher, of the Street Committee, said in explanation of the Committee's report, that the city had gotten the benefit, he believed, of most of the work, but that the city could not stand the pace, on account of financial stringency, that no one had a right to authorize the purchase of shells without the permission of the Street Committee, and the same was true in the case of hiring teams. In other words, the bills had been made in direct violation of the city ordinance. It was a hard position, and he did not know what he ought to do about it. He did not like to turn the bills down, because the city had gotten the benefit of the work, but he certainly would not vote to pay more bills made thus.

The City Engineer, Captain Fitchett, said that he had O. K'd the bills and they were all correct, and represented work that was badly needed; that he did not authorize all the work.

Councilman Ford said he agreed with

Mr. Burcher in that the bills were made and would probably have to be paid, but he thought it was time to call a halt on this thing of the street department making bills without the authority of the committee.

Councilman O'Donnell said he did not think the Council ought to tie the hands of the City Engineer, and he thought the bills ought to be paid.

Captain Fitchett said that in the future he would leave it to the Council as to whether this or that hole in the streets should be patched up.

Councilman Burcher said that the Street Committee had confidence in Captain Fitchett, but that he should not go beyond the limit; the Street Committee itself could not go beyond the limit of \$100 a month.

Councilman Ford said that he, too, had confidence in Captain Fitchett, but that the street department had violated a city ordinance; that it was just as proper for city officials to obey ordinances as private citizens; that people had no business making contracts with officials not authorized to make such contracts, and he, therefore, thought the bills should not be paid.

Councilman Mackey moved that the bills all be considered together, to be ordered paid or not paid.

Councilman Ford moved an amendment to the effect that the bills be three. The amendment was lost and the original motion was carried.

Councilman Burcher then moved that all of the bills be paid, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The Street Committee also recommended that Mr. L. G. Doyle be continued as assistant to the City Engineer at a salary of \$45 a month. The recommendation was adopted.

The communication from the Fire Commissioners, announcing the appointment of Charles Moran as hose wagon driver, at a salary of \$40 a month, was read, and the Council confirmed the appointment.

MR. HONAN SPEAKS.

A communication was read from the sewer contractors, Messrs. M. Honan & Sons, offering to construct a sewer on West avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, to be ten feet deep and to cost \$142 a lineal foot. They offered to make connections at the rate of 65 cents a lineal foot. This proposition was referred to the Sewer Commission.

Mr. Honan was present and stated to the Council that he was now putting in connections for the residents on Thirty-fourth street.

Bids for supplying the court-house with coal for heating purposes were opened. There were five, all offering anthracite for \$6 a ton. Messrs. Monday & Conard suggested that the city might effect a saving by using New River coal, which he offered to furnish at \$4 a ton. The bids were referred to the proper committee, which was empowered to award the contract.

A number of bills were ordered to be paid.

Mr. E. C. Hillier, of the Peninsula Electric Light and Power Company, was given permission to address the Council upon the proposition of his company to furnish the city free with 25 lights of 50 candle power each, for the privilege of furnishing the city with light for three years from date of acceptance. The company's present contract does not expire until next June, proposition a little premature. Councilman Burcher thought that the matter should go to the committee. He thought also that it might be proper, with the consent of Mr. Hillier, to annul the present contract and advertise for bids for lighting.

Mr. Hillier did not think it fair to place his company in the position of bidding against a company which did not exist, referring to the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company. He certainly did not propose, he said, to relinquish his contract to allow another company to bid against him.

He then withdrew his proposition to the city, but afterwards agreed to let it stand upon the agreement of the Council to refer the whole matter to the Light and Power Committee.

Superintendent Redding, of the Union Gospel Mission, being granted the privilege of the floor, asked permission to increase the capacity of the present quarters of the mission by removing a partition between the room now used and the room adjoining.

The matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

The city map was again brought up for action, but it was decided that it ready, and the Council adjourned.

Received Plans.

The building committee of the First Presbyterian church met last evening at the residence of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Wellford, and looked over the ten or twelve plans submitted for their approval, after which the committee adjourned until next Thursday evening when a plan will be selected. Three of the architects were present, Mr. J. W. Lee, of this city; Mr. J. E. R. Carpenter, of Norfolk; and Mr. Nolan, of Richmond.

Comanche Tribe Entertains.

After the regular session last evening, Comanche Tribe, No. 73, Imp. O. R. M., held a social session at which a good time was had by all fortunate enough to be present. Among these were visitors from Norfolk, Fox Hill, and Hampton.

Suits and overcoats at Christmas-Monday prices. Woodward & Womble. de14-16.

Buy your Whiskies and Wines for cooking and medicinal purposes at Newport News Wine and Liquor Co's. dec 15-16

Finest assortment of Christmas and New Year Cards in Hampton at Higfield's. de 16-17.

Best Mince Meat Whiskey and Brandy, 50c per quart. Newport News Wine and Liquor Co. dec15-16.

Look at "The Bazaar" windows, nearly opposite the postoffice and see what handsome presents Santa Claus has for you. de17-21.

The Albany Dental Parlors, in charge of Dr. W. W. Freeman, have been established in this city, and are advertised in another column of the Daily Press. Dr. Freeman is already favorably known to many of the citizens of Newport News, and a perusal of his card will be of interest.

ANOTHER SALE MADE

By Mr. John B. Kimberly, of Old Point.

IT WAS A FAIR BARGAIN

Property Formerly Owned by Mr. Edwin Phillips at the Intersection of Washington Avenue and Twenty-sixth Streets. Other Deals.

Yesterday saw the consummation of another big real estate deal in the heart of the city, by which Mr. John B. Kimberly becomes the owner of the lot on the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-sixth street, formerly owned by Mr. Edwin Phillips, and improved by a handsome three-story brick business house, occupied by Phillips & Marston. There is also a two-story frame dwelling house in the rear of the store, fronting on Twenty-sixth street. The lot faces twenty-five feet on the street. The price paid for the property was \$14,500, which is considered fair value, neither too much nor too little.

Mr. Kimberly, it will be recalled, recently purchased from Mr. George Schmeltz the lot adjoining occupied by Klor's drug store, for \$7,000, which was an advance of something over a thousand dollars on what Mr. Schmeltz paid for it a short time before. The Klor lot fronts twenty-five feet on the avenue, and is one hundred feet deep. It is understood that Mr. Kimberly expects in the not very distant future to erect upon this lot a brick structure of three or more stories. No definite plans have been made in this connection, however.

In the Corporation Court Clerk's office yesterday a deed was recorded setting forth another purchase of Newport News property by Mr. Kimberly. This transfer was made some little time ago, and is of the four lots formerly owned by Mr. Robert P. Orr, and situated on the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Lafayette avenue, having a hundred feet on each thoroughfare. This corner is now occupied by Mesic's store.

George A. Schmeltz to Robert J. The price paid for this was \$11,750.

A number of other deeds were entered in the clerk's office for record yesterday, among them the following:

Bernard Gounley et ux to Charles and Mary Delaney, one lot; consideration \$1000, etc.

Old Dominion Land Company to J. T. Newton, one lot; consideration \$550.

Same to Theodore Livzey, two lots; consideration \$1,200.

George O. Schmeltz to Robert J. Mason, one lot; consideration \$750.

Same to same, one lot; consideration \$1,400.

Thomas M. Reese to Susan P. Reese, half interest in a lot with tenements thereon; consideration \$1,000.

NEW BUILDING BEGUN.

Dr. A. C. Jones has commenced work on his new building adjoining his present structure, which is occupied by the postoffice, Young Men's Christian Association, the Daily Press and the Evening Telegram. This new building will be similar in detail to the present building and will occupy the lot adjoining it on the south.

Workmen are now busy digging the foundation in the rear of the offices which occupy the front of the lot and bricks will be laid in a few days.

A large quantity of bricks have been dumped on the scene and this morning Dr. Jones stated that he will rush the building to completion without delay. When the structure is finished, the two buildings will appear as one and will be the largest in the city owned by an individual.

When this building is completed, Dr. Jones will commence work on another large one on Twenty-fifth street immediately in the rear of the present building. There are two lots here, the tract being 100x50 feet. Eight feet on the west will not be built upon, however, as Dr. Jones will leave that much vacant for use as an alley in the rear of his Washington avenue buildings.

The building that will go up on this property will be a double affair, three stories high. The ground floor will be devoted to business offices and the other floors will be divided into rooms for use either as offices or tenement rooms.

Dr. Jones' venture will be the means of greatly improving the corner at Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue.

At the Hotels.

At the Warwick:—J. W. Lave, New York; John B. Kimberly, Fort Monroe; Julian Price, Greenbelt, N. C.; G. E. Guernsey, Richmond; William G. Wheeler, Philadelphia.

Mr. W. J. Payne, of Richmond, is a guest at the Warwick.

At the Allegany Inn: P. F. Saunders, Lester Manor, Va.; R. C. Weishampel, Norfolk; J. L. Kirby, Staunton, Va.; H. Clay Wardman, Jr., Boston.

At the Metropolitan: Charles Wilson, George H. Boggs, Reading, Penn.; Elias King, Norfolk; John Park, Philadelphia; William Davis, New York; W. A. Alston, North Carolina.

At the Hotel Ivy: James Dunn, Fleetwood, Penn.; J. G. Jones, Atlantic City; H. M. Kramer, Philadelphia; F. W. Leroy, Elizabeth City, N. C.; E. B. Cromwell, Baltimore.

Mr. M. Joo, proprietor of the Ivy, who was recently convalescent after a severe attack of the grippe, has suffered a relapse and is again very ill.

Will Not Touch Here.

The Old Dominion Land Company states that the steamer Hatteras will not touch regularly at this port, as was announced it might possibly do. The report originated in the office of the company, and was given to the press by an officer of the company.

Drink Old Valley Whiskey. Extra special quality. There is none better. Newport News Wine and Liquor Co., Sole Agents. 1517

LOW XMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

On December 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st, the M. & M. T. Co., will sell over their line tickets at greatly reduced rates on account of the Xmas holidays. Tickets limited to January 4th.

For further information and full particulars, apply to L. C. Saunders, agent. de14-15.

WANTED.

Volunteers wanted to join the army of men now wearing our make of suits and overcoats. Woodward & Womble. de14-15.

Let us sell you an Ivers & Pond piano or an Estey organ. Best made. Saunders & Stayman, Box 124, City. de 21-1

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED ABOUT THE PIERS

Sun Rises 7:14
Sun Sets 4:52
High tide 3:31 A. M. and 3:57 P. M.
Low tide 10:00 A. M. and 9:57 P. M.

Weather Forecast
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for Wednesday: Virginia—Light rain in the early morning, probably followed by clearing; light variable winds.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Vessels Arrived Yesterday.
Schooner Alice B. Crosby, Portland.
Barge Lone Star, New York.
Barge Forest Belle, New York.
Tork; John B. Kimberly, Fort Monroe.

Vessels Sailed Yesterday.
Steamship Lincluden (Br.) Watley, Norfolk.
Steamship Brighton, London.
Steamship Rappanahannock (Br.), Coig, Liverpool.
Schooner William Bailey, New Haven.
Schooner Stella B. Kaplan, Boston.
Schooner Massasoit, Providence.
Barge Mystic Belle, Providence.
Barge Ringleader, Boston.

'Tain Enough.

Mrs. Beasley—I can't understand how the Malvins manage to live so well on his income.

Mr. Beasley—I can. I went up to his office to see him, yesterday, and 27 men who were waiting in the hall cried out in chorus asking what firm I was collecting for.—Cleveland Leader.

Nothing Too Soft for Her.

Uncle Batch—He might at least have given you a pure gold ring.

Minnie—Why, uncle, pure gold is too soft.

"For a newly-wedded woman? Non sense!"—Jewelers' Weekly.

How It Happened.

Mrs. Good—My poor man, are you married?

Soiled Spooner -- No'm: I got dis hunted look from always bein' chased from the place to place by de police.—Judge.

Wayside Discussion.

Wayworn Watson—Here is a funny advertisement: "Bathe is comfort."

The Ideal!

Perry Patettic—It wouldn't be so bad as bathin' in soapuds.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Quite the Proper Thing.

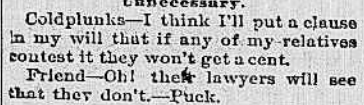
The Father—I hear you have been borrowing money from your mother again.

The Son—Quite proper, papa; you know the price of Wales does that same thing.—Yonkers Statesman.

Unnecessary.

Coldplunks—I think I'll put a clause in my will that if any of my relatives contest it they won't get a cent.

Friend—Oh! the lawyers will see that they don't.—Puck.



A Happy New Year for 1899

will be enjoyed when Beauty passes the cheering bumper of good old Southern egg-nog or warming punch, when made from our velvety, pure and high grade whiskey, when on your round of New Year's calls.

"Fill the bumper fair!
Every drop we sprinkle
O'er the brow of care
Smooths away a wrinkle."

R. J. MACKEY.

LADIES DO YOU KNOW DR. FELIX LE BRUN'S Steel & Pennyroyal Treatment

is the original and only FRANCH case and relief cure on the market. Price, 50c; sent by mail. Genuine sold only by

For sale by KIOR'S DRUG STORES, Newport News, Va.

FOR SALE—FINE SINGING IMPORT-

ed Canary birds, Linnets & Goldfinches; fresh seeds, plain or mixed, for all kinds of birds. Also cages, all sizes, cage fixtures and material for cages. All birds guaranteed.

G. ALBERT LENZ, 2500 Jefferson Avenue.

PENSIONS

Bounties, Arrears of Pay, Patents, Land Warrants, Duplicate Discharges, &c., &c.

SPANISH WAR CLAIMS SETTLED.

JOSEPH THELON, Attorney, (late of Washington, D. C.) Address National Soldiers' Home Va. P. O. Box 255.

11-13-14.

MADE ME A MAN

ALL NERVOUS DISORDERS—Falling Memory, Impotence, Rheumatism, etc., caused by Abuse or other Excesses and Indiscretions. They quickly and surely restore Lost Vitality, and are a man for a man for old or young, and for those who are suffering from nervous exhaustion.

Take in time. Their use improves the mind and elevates the character. They are a man for a man for old or young, and for those who are suffering from nervous exhaustion.

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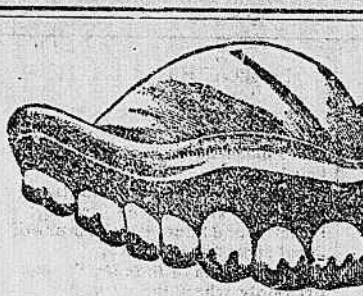
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Albany Dental Parlors,
No. 2613 Washington Avenue,
Newport News, Va.
A new departure in Dentistry—Teeth extracted without pain with Vitalized Air.

Teeth Extracted... 25c
Vitalized Air... 50c
Air or Gas Absolutely Painless.
Fine Gold Fillings... \$1 and up
Silver Fillings... 50c and up
Amalgam Fillings... 50c and up
Gold Crowns... \$5.00 to \$10.00
Bridge Work... \$5 to \$10 per Tooth
Set Teeth... \$5.00 to \$5.50
Best Set Teeth... \$8.00 to \$10.00
TEETH CLEANED.

WE extract and fill teeth and apply Gold and Porcelain Crowns, undetectable from natural teeth and warranted for ten years.
LADY IN ATTENDANCE.
Office Hours 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
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Gifts Worth Giving.

We invite your attention to our magnificent display of Holiday goods, Handkerchiefs, Collarettes, Applique, Bureau Scarfs and Shams, Table Covers, etc. Our prices are as low as is consistent with good qualities. Make your selections now before the rush begins. Below is a partial list of Holiday Suggestions.

INITIAL SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

Initial Silk Handkerchiefs in any 1 ever been shown for the money; full better you may desire; the best that has Extra large size silk handkerchiefs, 25c s with initials, the regular 75c grade

Men's Mufflers, popular gift, and a popular muffler to give. That the price is half the value, 50c.

GENTS HANDKERCHIEFS.

50 dozen Men's White Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, the usual two for 25c Handkerchiefs, our price, 10c or three for 25c.
Men's bordered or plain white hemstitch Handkerchiefs; the usual three for 25c goods. Special price, 5c.

BUREAU SCARFS, SHAMS, &C.

Applique Bureau Scarfs and Shams to match; the regular 50c ones will be sold during this week for... 25c a piece.
Applique Shams and Scarfs to match in the better grades that are worth 75c, during this week will be sold for... 50c a piece

A complete line in better goods at low prices and will make a handsome and useful present.

Chinle Table Covers, 4-4, for 25c; worth 50c.

Chinle Table Covers, 6-4, for 75c; worth \$1.00.

Chinle Table Covers, 8-4, for \$1.48; worth \$2.00.

Tapestry Covers in all kinds and grades; 4-4 tapestry covers worth 75c for... 50c

An extra grade of Tapestry Covers in 6-4, usual price \$2.00, our price... \$1.48

In 12-4, usual price \$5.00, our price... \$2.69

In 12-4, usual price \$3.50, our price... \$3.98

Bleached Table Linen, a regular 35c grade; it will be sold during Christmas week for... 25c a yard

All Linen Half Bleached Table Damask, with red border, fast color, and is worth 40c, will be sold during the week for... 29c a yard

A Handsome Bleached All Linen Table Damask; a regular 75c quality; holiday price... 50c

Table Napkins, 18 inch square, all linen, worth \$1.50 dozen. Holiday price, \$1.00 a dozen.

Red or Blue Bordered Doilies, worth 75c a dozen, Holiday price, 50c a doz.

Full size all white or Red bordered Doilies, splendid value, Holiday price, \$1.00 a dozen.

Marseilles Spreads, extra heavy, worth \$2.50; Holiday price, \$1.69.

Teavy Spreads, full size, worth \$1.25. Holiday price, \$1.13.

White spreads, hemmed, full size worth 75c; Holiday price, 59c.